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1. THE DEPARTMENT VIEWS THE POSSIBILITY OF CHILE SIGNING THE NPT, ACCEPTING INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AND WAIVING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO FORCE OF TLA TELLOCO TREATY IN EXCHANGE FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION AS VERY POSITIVE EVENTS FOR OVERALL US NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS IF WE CAN SECURE THEM. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO OFFERING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF TWO QUESTIONS.

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2. GIVEN THE POTENTIAL FOR FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES AND INTERNAL PRESSURES, WHAT IS LIKELIHOOD THAT MOVING FORWARD IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION WOULD BE LIKELY TO CONFLICT WITH OUR HUMAN RIGHTS OBJECTIVE OF SEEING A RAPID RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN CHILE? THE QUES-

TION RELATES TO WHETHER PINOCHET COULD USE THE EVIDENCE OF
A US GOVERNMENT WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE CHILEAN NUCLEAR
SUPPLY NEEDS UNDER THE CONTEMPLATED CONDITIONS AS PROOF
THAT HE AND THE GOC NO LONGER FACE INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION

AND THAT FURTHER INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES ARE NO LONGER
NECESSARY? WOULD A DELAY OF SEVERAL WEEKS TO A FEW
MONTHS IN A POSITIVE RESPONSE AFFECT THIS ASSESSMENT?

3. THE SECOND QUESTION RELATES TO THE POTENTIAL NEGA-
TIVE IMPACT OF ANY DELAY IN OUR RESPONSE TO THIS NON-
PROLIFERATION OPPORTUNITY. WOULD THIS OPPORTUNITY BE
LOST BY A DELAY OF SEVERAL WEEKS OR A FEW MONTHS? WHAT
MIGHT BE EFFECT IF A CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT WERE TO OCCUR?
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